

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the application to refer to all prior applications from which priority is claimed and have submitted a Petition to accept an unintentionally delayed benefit claim. A copy of this Petition is attached to this Amendment.

The Office Action contained the following rejections:

Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as claiming the same invention as claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,600,043;

Claims 12-18 were rejected on the grounds of obviousness – type double patenting over claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,197,958; and

Claims 19-52 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as indefinite.

Applicants have amended claim 2 to provide that “R⁴ and R⁵ are both phenyl or naphthyl” and are both substituted. Thus, claim 2 does not claim the same invention as claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,600,043 and the Section 101 double patenting rejection should be withdrawn.

Applicants have submitted, with this Amendment, Terminal Disclaimers with respect to U.S. Patent Nos. 6,600,043; 6,197,958 and 5,932,730. Thus, the obviousness – type double patenting rejections should be withdrawn.

Applicants have amended independent claims 19, 25, 36 and 42 in the manner suggested in the Office Action. Thus, the Section 112 rejection should be withdrawn. Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 2 and 12-52 is respectfully requested.

If any additional fees are incurred as a result of the filing of this paper, authorization is given to charge deposit account number 23-0785.

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